

Congress where she worked until the spring of 1993.

It was at this time, when I was just starting my first term in Congress, that Lynda came to my staff. Her expertise and vast knowledge of education policy have been invaluable to me as a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee. She has worked on legislation including the Child Nutrition Act, the School Breakfast Pilot program, Headstart, The Balancing Act, and welfare programs to name a few. I would also like to honor her for helping to create the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Children and Families. She was instrumental in helping me make this important Caucus a reality and give a voice in Congress to those who need it most.

After so many years of dedicated service, it will certainly be difficult to see Lynda go. She has not only been a resource to myself and other Members of Congress, but also a mentor to a countless number of staff members. I wish her well as she moves on to a new phase of her life. With one grandchild, Brady, and another on the way, she will undoubtedly be as busy and hardworking in retirement as she was on the Hill. I can say without hesitation, that Members of Congress and staff alike will certainly miss her.

Mr. Speaker, Lynda Theil is the role model for what every staff member should be; dedicated, hardworking, caring, and devoted. Her presence will be missed, but not forgotten. Thank you, congratulations, and best wishes, Lynda.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONALD BROTZMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mourn the passing of Congressman Donald Brotzman. Donald, the former representative for Colorado's Second Congressional District recently passed away at the age of eighty-two after battling cancer. He was known for his warmth, integrity and abiding sense of professionalism. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Donald and pay tribute to him for his contributions to the state of Colorado and this Nation.

Donald was born in 1922 in Logan County where he was a tenor saxophonist and three-sport athlete at Sterling High School. He went to school at the University of Colorado on a football scholarship in 1939, only to postpone his studies to serve his country as an Army officer during World War II. After the war, Donald married Louise Reed and returned to the University of Colorado to earn his business and law degrees.

Donald began working as a lawyer in Boulder in 1950, and was elected later that same year to the Colorado House of Representatives. He was a dynamic legislator who reflected strong Western values and a compassionate heart. Donald would go on to serve in the State Senate where he was named the outstanding freshman member, an honor he also enjoyed from his time in the State House. He was appointed as the Colorado U.S. attorney in 1959 and just two years later, he was

elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where fellow lawmakers named him president of the Republican freshman class. Former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong referred to Donald as a trailblazer in politics, and a man of great integrity and principle.

After Donald left politics, he worked in the Government Relations department at the Rubber Manufacturers Association before retiring in 1989. When Louise died in 1995, Donald remarried, and is survived by his wife Gwendolyn, a brother, daughter, and son, in addition to a stepson and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the loss of Congressman Donald Brotzman, though we take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed by the legacy of dedication that Donald has left with us. I am honored to pay tribute to such a devoted public servant, one who has given many years in service to the state of Colorado and Nation. I know that many throughout our state who had the chance to benefit from his experience and dedication will miss Donald Brotzman. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this time of bereavement.

MINGO JOB CORPS CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTER

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, the Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center was established in 1965 and is located on the southeastern corner of Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Over 224 corps members participate in the program at Mingo at any one time. They can see daily what many people travel miles to observe on a National Wildlife Refuge. They are working to make a special effort to provide vocational work sites for training, as well as placement in permanent jobs, not just at Mingo, but on other facilities within the region.

In a residential setting, students are given the opportunity to complete their secondary education, round out their social skills, and acquire a vocational skill. Vocational training is offered in the following trades at Mingo: automotive repair, building maintenance, bricklaying, carpentry, heavy equipment operation, painting, welding, clerical, culinary arts, and health services.

With an audience of over 200 young people in residence for over a year on a National Wildlife Refuge, the Center is taking advantage of the opportunity to expose them to environmental awareness concepts in the education, vocational training, and residential living programs. The Center is a unique mix of human resources and natural resource management.

The Mingo Job Corps Center, located in Puxico, Missouri, has become a critical part of the economy in Southeast Missouri. I first want to brag on the work the Center has done and give a little background on the work they do to better the community and the lives of those they serve. The Center has been crucial in providing the young people in Southeast Missouri many opportunities that they would not otherwise have available to them. The lack of viable economic opportunities in the area is staggering, and, as a result, many people in

the area have to rely on government assistance to make ends meet.

The Mingo Job Corps Center is the one place these people can go to develop the critical skills needed to enter the workforce. While some of the students at the Center are what we commonly refer to as being "at-risk," the Job Corps program has allowed these young men and women to make a life for themselves and succeed. Additionally, the surrounding community has benefitted from the work of the Center because, upon graduation, the students are able to give back to the community with the skills they have learned.

Last year, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that they did not have the budget to adequately operate the Center. As a result, the Department of Labor recommended that the operations of the Center be contracted out. I completely opposed the proposal to contract out the operations at the Mingo Job Corps Center.

In response to the announcement to contract out operations Senator BOND and I introduced legislation to transfer the Mingo Center to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. By adding the Mingo Job Corps Center to the list of U.S. Forest Service-run facilities, we will protect the livelihood of the students and employees served by the Center and ensure that the facility will continue to be operated by an experienced and dedicated staff. Most importantly, the skilled workers who graduate from the Center will continue to add to the dedicated workforce and contribute to the health of the rural economy.

I am very proud to bring this legislation to the House of Representatives for a vote today, because it represents an important initiative in rural Missouri. Our job training programs are vital to our economic success now and in the future. Keeping the Mingo Center open and operating is a small, but important way to acknowledge our commitment to a dedicated workforce.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND TETREAU

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Raymond Tetreault, a dedicated gardener from Delta, Colorado. Raymond is responsible for creating beautiful landscapes and scenic floral displays throughout the streets of Delta and I would like to join my colleagues here today before this body of Congress and this nation in recognizing his service to the Delta community.

Raymond grew up in New Bedford, Massachusetts and moved to Colorado to look for work in 1976. He loved gardening as a child and took related classes from Front Range Community College before working fourteen years at the Pinehurst Country Club. After Pinehurst Raymond, who identifies himself as an amateur naturalist, became the Delta city gardener in 2003. Raymond prides himself on making sure that every flowerbed is a knockout. He insures that each flowerbed is comprised of a mix of annuals and perennials to produce colorful blooms all year round. His

work can be seen in most local Delta parks, Main Street, the bike path between the Gunnison River and Gunnison River Drive, and the Delta County Historical Society Museum.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond Tetreault is a dedicated, selfless person who has been a devoted public servant. He has developed intricate floral designs that color the streets of Delta reflecting the tremendous pride of its citizens. Raymond's enthusiasm and commitment to his craft certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your service Raymond and keep up the good work!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Thursday, September 30, 2004, the House had a vote on Res. 792, a resolution to honor the United Negro College Fund on its 60th anniversary. On House roll-call vote No. 486, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY PENFOLD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Nancy Penfold, a dedicated creator and curator of the City of Fort Lupton Museum. This week Nancy will be honored as the 2004 Outstanding Older Worker from Colorado for her longstanding commitment to service by the Experience Works Prime Awards organization, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Nancy's accomplishments before this body of Congress and the Nation.

Nancy's family came to Fort Lupton in 1895, and have been strong facilitators for the town's continued success. Nancy was born and raised there, making her an excellent candidate for telling the history of Fort Lupton. Nancy was a volunteer historian since 1975 and in 1982, she led the movement to establish the City of Fort Lupton Museum. Today she holds the position of museum curator where she maintains the local heritage of the Fort Lupton community, and strives to preserve the riches of its past through special events and programming that enable citizens to display unique collections. Nancy has spent many hours collecting oral histories from seniors in both the Greeley and Fort Lupton communities that enables citizens to organize and archive family histories for future generations.

Nancy is also very active in several organizations and boards throughout her community including: Quality of Life, Friends of a Woman's Place, the Greeley RSVP board, and the Walk for Life campaign in the American Cancer Society. Additionally she has worked as a peer counselor for Weld County Mental Health, helped start the local Hospice program, and frequently delivers meals as part of the Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy Penfold has dedicated her life to preserving the history and culture of one of Colorado's most unique towns. Her compassionate and selfless service to Fort Lupton and the Colorado community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Congratulations on your award Nancy, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DENNIS A. LUSARDI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Dennis A. Lusardi who will receive the Four Freedoms Award on Friday, November 5, 2004. This prestigious award is given by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute to exceptional men and women who, in their work and life, are committed to the 4 principles outlined by President Roosevelt in 1941. These principles are the freedoms of speech and expression, worship, and the freedom from both want and fear.

I know that Dennis embodies these pillars in his work with the labor movement. As a dedicated worker, he has served the labor community and union members for over 40 years. He was born in Yonkers and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School and then attended Westchester Community College. I admire his entrance into the workforce in 1958 as an apprentice in the esteemed Ironworkers' Union. My father was an Ironworker, and I have great respect for trade unions, their values, and the work that they do. Dennis immediately showed that he was a dedicated and passionate advocate for improvements to his union. He took his first leadership role in the 1970s when he was appointed to the Pension Fund, and has proven his devotion by continuing his service as Chairman still today. He continued his impassioned work in 1981 when he became a Delegate to the International Convention.

In 1989 Dennis also became the Financial Secretary Treasurer, and since then he has held his position by acclamation from those he serves. Dennis' expertise and experience have truly benefited the labor movement, the community, and those who know and love him. He also lends his services and experiences as the Ironworkers' Union's Business Manager. He is as committed to advocating on behalf of his fellow workers today as the day he began his career. I am delighted to say that he continues this exceptional service as the Vice President of Westchester Building Trades, the Treasurer for the Ironworkers District Counsel of New York, and is also representative for the Ironworkers District Counsel Pension Plan. He exemplifies the hardworking ideals of his union and this country, and truly deserves this great honor. In addition to the incredible and significant work on behalf of organized labor, Dennis is also a proud father of two, and has three wonderful grandchildren. It is my privilege today to speak in the House of Representatives in honor of Mr. Dennis A. Lusardi.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHAR HACKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Char Hacker, a talented teacher from Grand Junction, Colorado. For twenty-three years Char has inspired and challenged Taylor Elementary students to achieve the very best in their lives and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Char's tremendous service to the Grand Junction community.

Char became an elementary teacher when she graduated from Western State College after her first dream of directing a High School band program did not work out. However, Char found her true passion as a music teacher and went on to earn her masters degree in special-needs education after working at Taylor High School for ten years. Currently she spends half her day teaching music and half teaching individual students with special needs. Char is a brilliant teacher whose methods of using fun and games to encourage her students to study hard and reach their goals. She positively impacted the lives of several students, an experience that many remember long after they have become adults.

Mr. Speaker, Char Hacker is a wonderful ambassador for education who dedicates her life to teaching the next generation of leaders in her Grand Junction, Colorado community. Char has taken the noble and challenging occupation of teaching to a new level of excellence. Her compassionate and selfless service to Grand Junction and the Colorado community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your hard work Char, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation and missed the following votes. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 473, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 474, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 475, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 476, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 477, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 478, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 479, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 480, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 481, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 482, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 483, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 485, and "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 486.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOEL BOUCHARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to veteran